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DECLARATION OF RAINER WOLFGANG LIENHART  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.131

I, Rainer W. Lienhart, hereby declare that:

1. I have reviewed U.S. Patent 6,378,132, entitled SIGNAL CAPTURE AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM cited by the Patent Examiner in an Office Action dated August 28, 2002. That patent issued on April 23, 2002 to David J. Grandin, John L. Barkley, and David A. Glover (hereafter, "Grandin patent").
2. I understand, the effective date of the Grandin patent is May 20, 1999.
3. The invention disclosed and claimed in the above-identified patent application was conceived and actually reduced to practice in the United States prior to May 20, 1999.
4. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a printout of a document (VPA.fm) authored by myself prior to May 20, 1999 and entitled *The Home Video System of the Future*, that describes the invention disclosed and claimed in the above-identified patent application.

5. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a printout of the source code (main.cpp) that demonstrates an actual reduction to practice of the invention disclosed and claimed in the above-identified patent application. The source code was authored by me prior to May 20, 1999.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-identified application or any patent issued thereon.

Dated: 12/19/2002, 2002

By R. Lienhart  
Rainer Wolfgang Lienhart